

North Las Vegas Justice Court - Department 1

Judge Stephen J. Dahl

Court Dates: Tuesday - Friday

Judge Dahl holds the Department 1 Justice of the Peace position and has served in North Las Vegas since 1995. Prior to his election, he spent 6 1/2 years as the team chief over the death penalty litigation unit of the Clark County Public Defender's office. He has been licensed to practice law in Clark County since 1984.

Judge Dahl currently serves as president-elect of the Clark County Bar Association and the Nevada Judges Association. He served as president of the Eighth Judicial District Pro Bono Foundation from 2002 - 2004, and he serves on the advisory board for the Neighborhood Justice Center. He is active in the Trial by Peers program, and was named Judge of the Year for that program in 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2004. He also received Ambassador of the Year award from the Clark County Law Foundation (the charitable arm of the Clark County Bar Association) in 2001, and was named Clark County Bar Association board member of the year in 2002 and 2004.

Judge Dahl regularly teaches classes on criminal procedure and the Nevada court system for the North Las Vegas Citizen's Police Academy. For the last nine years, Judge Dahl and his staff have sponsored an annual art contest for the school children in the North Las Vegas Township. The artwork from the contest is used to decorate most of the courthouse. More recently, Judge Dahl, together with North Las Vegas Municipal Court Judge Warren Van Landschoot, helped to create the "Life of Crime" family educational program, and has supervised and participated in the presentation of that program to thousands of local children and their parents and leaders.

In the 1996, 1998, 2000, and 2002 bi-annual Review Journal/Clark County Bar Association judicial surveys, Judge Dahl was the top-rated justice of the peace in Clark County. He was named 2004 Judge of the Year by the Nevada Judges Association. Last year, the North Las Vegas City Council recognized Judge Dahl's contributions to the community and issued a proclamation making April 6, 2005 Judge Stephen Dahl Day.